

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 13-20 are pending. Please amend pending claims 13 and 17 as follows:

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13. (Currently amended) A heat-sealable multilayer white opaque plastic film, comprising:

i) a cavitated core layer comprising polypropylene homopolymer of high stereo-regularity and a cavitating agent comprising polybutylene terephthalate, said core layer having a first and a second surface;

ii) a top tie layer comprising polypropylene and TiO<sub>2</sub>, said top tie layer being positioned adjacent to said first surface of the core layer;

iii) a top skin layer comprising polypropylene, SiO<sub>2</sub> and methyl acrylate antiblock agent; said top skin layer being positioned adjacent to said top tie layer;

iv) a bottom tie layer comprising polypropylene, said bottom tie layer being positioned adjacent to said second surface of the core layer; and

v) a bottom skin layer comprising an ethylene-propylene-butylene terpolymer having a DSC (differential scanning calorimetry) melting point of about 122.5°C, further comprises SiO<sub>2</sub>, silicone oil antiblock, and crosslinked silicone slip agent; said bottom skin layer being positioned adjacent to said bottom tie layer; and

wherein the film does not exhibit creep in a Hayssen Vertical Fill, Form and Seal (VFFS) hot tack test at 280-310°F; ~~and wherein the film seals with a minimum of applied heat and pressure.~~

- 2 ~~14.~~ (Previously added) The film according to claim ~~13~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein:
- i) the top skin layer comprises from about 0.1% to about 0.5% SiO<sub>2</sub>, and from about 0.1% to about 0.5% of a second antiblock agent;
  - ii) the top tie layer comprises up to 10% TiO<sub>2</sub>; and
  - iii) the core layer comprises from about 7% to about 9% polybutylene terephthalate.

- 3 ~~15.~~ (Previously added) The film according to claim ~~14~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein:
- i) the top skin layer comprises from about 0.15% to about 0.3% SiO<sub>2</sub> in the form of coated silica and from about 0.15% to about 0.25% methyl acrylate;
  - ii) the core layer comprises about 8% polybutylene terephthalate; and
  - ii) the bottom skin layer comprises an ethylene-propylene-butylene terpolymer and further comprises from about 0.6% to about 2.4% silicone oil antiblock, and from about 0.15% to about 0.3% crosslinked silicone slip agent.

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4 ~~16.~~ (Previously added) The film according to claim ~~13~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the total thickness of the film is about 1mil and

- i) the top skin layer comprises about 2.5% of the total film thickness;
  - ii) the top tie layer comprises about 15% of the total film thickness;
  - iii) the core layer comprises about 63% of the total film thickness;
  - iv) the bottom tie layer comprises about 15% of the total film thickness; and
- the bottom skin layer comprises about 4% of the total film thickness.

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~~17.~~ (Currently amended) A heat-sealable multilayer white opaque plastic film, comprising:

i) a cavitated core layer comprising polypropylene homopolymer of high stereo-regularity; a cavitating agent comprising polybutylene terephthalate, said core layer having a first and a second surface;

ii) a top tie layer comprising polypropylene and TiO<sub>2</sub>, said top tie layer being positioned adjacent to said first surface of the core layer;

iii) a top skin layer comprising an ethylene-propylene-butylene terpolymer, SiO<sub>2</sub>, and methyl acrylate antiblock agent, said top skin layer being positioned adjacent to said top tie layer;

iv) a bottom tie layer comprising polypropylene, said bottom tie layer being positioned adjacent to said second surface of the core layer; and

 v) a bottom skin layer comprising an ethylene-propylene-butylene terpolymer having a DSC (differential scanning calorimetry) melting point of about 122.5°C and further comprises silicone oil antiblock, and crosslinked silicone slip agent; said bottom skin layer being positioned adjacent to said bottom tie layer; and

wherein the film does not exhibit creep in a Hayssen Vertical Fill, Form and Seal (VFFS) hot tack test at 280-310°F; ~~and wherein the film seals with a minimum of applied heat and pressure.~~

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~~18.~~ (Previously added) The film according to claim ~~17~~, wherein:

i) the top skin layer comprises from about 0.1% to about 0.5% SiO<sub>2</sub>, and from about 0.1% to about 0.5% of a second antiblock agent;

- ii) the top tie layer comprises up to 10% TiO<sub>2</sub>; and
- iii) the core layer comprises from about 7% to about 9% polybutylene terephthalate.

~~7~~ 19. (Previously added) The film according to claim ~~18~~<sup>6</sup>, wherein:

- i) the top skin layer comprises ethylene-propylene-butylene-terpolymer and further comprises from about 0.15% to about 0.3% SiO<sub>2</sub> in the form of coated silica, and from about 0.15% to about 0.25% methyl acrylate antiblock agent;

- ii) the core layer comprises from about 7% to about 9% polybutylene terephthalate, from about 500ppm to about 700ppm phosphite antioxidant, and from about 200ppm to about 400ppm fluoropolymer anti-condensing agent; and

~~D1~~ iii) the bottom skin layer comprises ethylene-propylene-butylene terpolymer and further comprises from about 0.6% to about 2.4% silicone oil antiblock, and from about 0.15% to about 0.3% crosslinked silicone slip agent.

~~8~~ 20. (Previously added) The film according to claim ~~17~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the total thickness of the film is about 1mil and

- i) the top skin layer comprises about 2.5% of the total film thickness;
  - ii) the top tie layer comprises about 15% of the total film thickness;
  - iii) the core layer comprises about 63% of the total film thickness;
  - iv) the bottom tie layer comprises about 15% of the total film thickness; and
  - v) the bottom skin layer comprises about 4% of the total film thickness.
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